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(57) Abstract: A process for preparing (+)-p-mentha-2,8-diene-1-ol comprising reacting (+)-limonene oxide with at least one amine in the presence of at least one Lewis acid to form amine adduct intermediates. The amine adduct is then oxidized to form an N-oxide that is pyrolyzed to form (+)-p-mentha-2,8-diene-1-ol.

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1. claims: 1,2

Process for the regio- and stereoselective opening of an epoxide ring comprising reacting a compound having an epoxide ring with at least one amine in the presence of at least one Lewis acid.

2. claims: 3-22

Process for preparing (+)-p-mentha-2,8-diene-1-ol analogs from limonene oxide derivatives by treatment with an amine in the presence of a Lewis acid.

3. claim: 23

Method for the diastereomeric separation of a mixture of (+)-cis-limonene oxide and (+)-trans-limonene oxide, the method comprising reacting the mixture with an amine in the presence of a Lewis acid and recovering the (+)-cis-limonene oxide that does not react with the amine.
